

# State of South Carolina

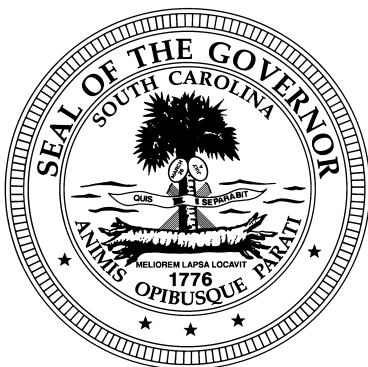
## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction involving major organs in the body simultaneously that can result in death; and
- WHEREAS,** tragically, hundreds of Americans die each year due to food-induced anaphylaxis by unknowingly eating a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS,** eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions, with symptoms including hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and
- WHEREAS,** educating restaurants, schools, and the general public about the serious and potentially life – threatening nature of food allergies can reduce the chances of severe reaction and death.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 8 – 14, 2005, as

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**